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FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL BUKAVU

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: BURUNDI SITUATION

ISTANBUL AND IZMIR FOR AMBASSADOR YOST

REF: KIGALI 0315

1. SUMMARY: MINISTER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
MUNYANEZA DEPARTED KIGALI SUDDENTLY MAY 15 FOR KINSHASA.
MINISTER NATIONAL GUARD HABYALIMANA POSTPONED PLANNED TRIP
TO BELGIUM. MILITARY SOURCES CONTINUE TO TAKE
DECIDEDLY DISAPPROVING LINE ON BARUNDI REFUGEE
INCURSION INTO BURUNDI. ABOUT 50 TUTSIS REPORTED
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KILLED MAY 13 AT MINE IN NORTHERN BURUNDI. END
SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MUNYANEZA

DEPARTED KIGALI MAY 15 VIA SMALL GOR AIRCRAFT TO GOMA WHERE HE PLANNED CATCH COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO KINISHASA. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT YET MADE OF MUNYANEZA' S TRIP. ACCORDING BELGIAN EMBASSY, MUNYANEZA CARRIED PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM KAYIBANDA TO MOBUTU. AT EMBASSY DINNER EVENING MAY 14 FOR VISITING DATT AND AID/ W REPRESENTATIVES, MUNYANEZA, WHO CAME LATE AND STAYED SHORT TIME, TOLD AMBASSADOR GOR WORRIED OVER POSSIBILITY OF BURUNDI RETALIATION AGAINST RWANDA FOR REFUGEE ATTACK. COMMENT: LOGICAL TO SPECULATE GOR SEEKING MOBUTU' S UNDERSTANDING GOR' S INNOCENCE IN BURUNDI SITUATION AND POSSIBLY EVEN INTERCESSION WITH AMIN ON ACCOUNT LATTER' S REPORTED PROMISE ASSIST BURUNDI AGAINST OUTSIDE ATTACK. END COMMENT.

3. MINISTER NATIONAL GUARD HABYALIMANA, WHO WAS SCHEDULED DEPART FOR BRUSSELS AND BONN MAY 15, HAS POSTPONED TRIP SINE DIE.

4. BELGIAN EMBASSY HAD REPORT PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR AUGUST LINDT HAD ATTEMPTED PERSUADE KAYIBANDA TO MAKE OFFICIAL STATEMENT DISASSOCIATING RWANDA FROM REFUGEE ATTACK AGAINST BURUNDI. KAYIBANDA REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO DO SO AND TO DATE RWANDA RADIO HAS NOT REPEAT NOT REPORTED BURUNDI EVENTS ALTHOUGH GRB' S ANNOUNCEMENTS BEING HEARD HERE.

5. SENIOR RWANDA NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER MAY 15 REITERATED TO EMBOFF VIEW (REFTEL) THAT REFUGEE INCURSION FROM RWANDA POORLY PREPARED AND DOOMED TO FAILURE SOURCE CLAIMED INSURGENTS HAD BEEN UNFAVORABLY RECEIVED BY HUTU POPULATION NORTHERN BURUNDI BECAUSE LATTER HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN ALERTED IN ADVANCE OF ATTACK. SOURCE ALSO CONFIRMED ATTACKERS HAD PARTICIPATED IN WITCH-CRAFT CEREMONY BEFORE DEPARTING FOR BURUNDI AND HAD TAKEN DRUGS.
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6. ACCORDING BELGIAN EMBASSY, TWO BELGIANS WHO ARRIVED KIGALI MAY 14 FROM MUREHE MINE IN NORTHERN BURUNDI (KIGALI 0311 AND 0314) REPORTED MINE ATTACKED MAY 13 BY BAND OF HIGHLY EXCITED INSURGENTS. APPROXIMATELY 50 BURUNDI TUTSI MINE EMPLOYEES HAD BEEN KILLED BY ARROWS AND MACHETES. BELGIANS FROM MINE EXPRESSED BELIEF INSURGENTS HEADED FOR NGOZI.

7. BELGIAN EMBASSY ALSO HAD REPORT BARUNDI REFUGEE GROUP OF UNDETERMINED SIZE HAD ENTERED BURUNDI VIA BUTARE. GROUP SAID TO BE COMMANDED BY FORMER BURUNDI GENDARMARIE OFFICER.

8. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED A NUMBER OF BARUNDI STUDENTS
ARRIVED RWANDA FROM BELGIUM AND FRANCE LATE LAST
WEEK, SOME WITH THROUGH AIR TICKETS FOR TANZANIA. ONE
OF STUDENTS TOLD BELGIAN EMBASSY HE WAS PLANNING TO
VISIT LILIMA CAMP TO " STUDY SITUATION". BELGIAN
EMBASSY SPECULATES STUDENTS MAY HAVE RECEIVED
FINANCIAL AID FROM ANTI- GRB BELGIAN PRIVATE GROUPS
FOR TRIP TO RWANDA BUT HAS NO CONFIRMING EVIDENCE.
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